ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 46884-5413 Application No.: 10/772,591

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to nonstatutory subject matter.

Claims 11-12 are allowed

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claim 1 in order to differently describe embodiments of the disclosure of the instant application and/or to improve the form of the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-12 currently remain pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 in order to differently describe embodiments of the disclosure of the instant application and/or to improve the form of the claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's helpful suggested claim amendment in this regard as provided in the final sentence of section 5 at page 3 of the Office Action. Applicant has opted to generally incorporate the Examiner's suggestion, while making a minor modification to the suggested language in light of the disclosure of the instant application. See, for example, allowed claim 11 of the instant application which describes "programming one or more processors to perform a method..." Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 46884-5413 Application No.: 10/772,591 Page 7

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the pending claims currently under consideration are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of these claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP

Dated: May 18, 2009

Paul A. Fournier Reg. No. 41.023

Customer No. 055694
DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP
1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005-1209
Tel.: (202) 842-8800

Tel.: (202) 842-8800 Fax: (202) 842-8465